

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers New York District Jacob K. Javits Federal Building New York, N.Y. 10278-0090 ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: 2003-00722-L3
Issue Date: 30 August 2004
Expiration Date: 14 September 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

APPLICANT: United States Coast Guard

CEU Providence

300 Metro Center Boulevard Warwick, RI 02886-1763

ACTIVITY: Maintenance Dredge with Upland Disposal

WATERWAY: Sloop Channel (HEMPSTEAD BAY River Basin)

LOCATION: Jones Beach Coast Guard Station, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York.

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THIS OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity.

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Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

Our preliminary determination is that the activity for which authorization is sought herein is not likely to affect any Federally endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. However, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to listed species in the project area or their critical habitat.

Based upon a review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, there are no known sites eligible for, or included in, the Register within the permit area. Presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Reviews of activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act and the applicant will obtain a water quality certificate or waiver from the appropriate state agency in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to a permit decision.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456 (c)], for activities under consideration that are located within the coastal zone of a state which has a federally approved coastal zone management program, the applicant has certified in the permit application that the activity complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with, the approved state coastal zone management program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state's concurrence with, objection to, or waiver of the applicant's certification. No permit decision will be made until one of these actions occur. For activities within the coastal zone of New York State, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the Consistency Coordinator, New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization, Coastal Zone Management Program, 41 State Street, Albany, New York 12231, Telephone (518) 474-6000. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

In addition to any required water quality certificate and coastal zone management program concurrence, the applicant has obtained or requested the following governmental authorization for the activity under consideration:

• New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Permit

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office at (212) 264-3802 and ask for Vincent J. Monaster.

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FOR Richard L. Tomer Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

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WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, the United States Coast Guard, has requested Department of the Army authorization to dredge with ten year maintenance and upland disposal, southeast of Sloop Channel in Hempstead Bay at the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York.

The work will involve dredging approximately 4,500 cubic yards of material, which is predominately sand, from five areas shown on the attached drawings, within the entrance channel and boat basin, at the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station. The areas would be dredged to a depth of 8 feet below the plane of mean low water with an overdepth of 0.5 feet. No dredging will be conducted between June and September of any calendar year.

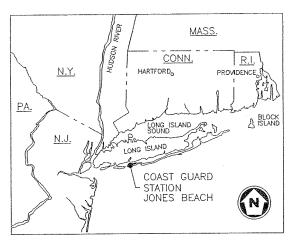
The 4,500 cubic yards of dredged material will be hydraulically dredged and pumped directly to a bermed area west of the boat basin, which was previously used for storage of dredged materials. Return flow will pass over a weir structure prior to entering an existing culvert and returning to the waterway.

The sand is planned to be utilized by the Town of Hempstead, as beach replenishment for various town beaches. Any placement of sand below the spring high water line for beach nourishment will be the subject of future permit applications.

Subsequent to the initial dredging, the applicant anticipates that there may be up to three additional dredging events within the entrance channel and boat basin.

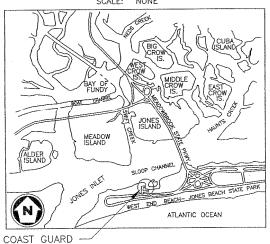
The proposed work may have a minor adverse impact on Essential Fish Habitat and species regulated by the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act as the result of the temporary increase in turbidity during construction. The US Coast Guard is coordinating with the National Marine Fisheries Service on impacts to Essential Fish Habitat.

The purpose of this project is to provide safe navigation for US Coast Guard vessels utilizing the entrance channel and boat basin.



VICINITY MAP

SCALE: NONE



LOCATION MAP

SCALE: NONE

PURPOSE: MAINTAIN NECESSARY WATER DEPTHS FOR THE OPERATION OF COAST GUARD SEARCH & RESCUE BOATS.

STATION

JONES BEACH

DATUM: MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER: NEW YORK STATE— JONES BEACH STATE

PROPOSED DREDGING

IN SLOOP CHANNEL AT JONES BEACH, HEMPSTEAD, NY NASSAU COUNTY, NY

APPLICATION BY U.S. COAST GUARD

SHEET 1 OF 3 DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2003 REV 1

